

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A preliminary amendment was mailed October 10, 2003 and received in the PTO October 14, 2003.

A Notice to File Missing Parts and a Notice of Incomplete Response were mailed December 2, 2003. Similar drawing objections were raised in both notices.

The Notice of Incomplete Reply refers to receipt of a "reply on 10/14/2003 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 12/02/2003." The notice appears to have been issued in error, since the preliminary amendment was mailed before receipt of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

With respect to Fig. 5, it was asserted that the line quality is too light, or that the text is illegible. A replacement sheet for Fig. 5 was submitted in the Oct. 14 preliminary amendment. It is believed that the line quality and the text are of sufficient quality as to allow adequate image reproduction.

Replacement sheets for Figs. 5 and 6 have been submitted to correct objections raised in connection with "excessive text." It is believed the Figs. 5 and 6 are in conformance with the drawing requirements of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.84.

The specification has been amended accordingly to include text that was shown in Figs. 5 and 6 as originally filed.

Respectfully submitted,


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